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SUBJECT: LPRS FOR INDONESIAN NAVY

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1. REFTTEL A INCLUDED LPRS IN THE INDONESIAN MILITARY EQUIPMENTS REQUIREMENTS LIST AND DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH INDONESIAN NAVY REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON, TEAM DETERMINED THAT LPRS WERE THE HIGHEST INDONESIAN NAVY PRIORITY ITEM. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO LPRS IN USN INVENTORY, THREE SHIPS WERE LOCATED THAT WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DISPOSED OF BY SCRAP SALE. THESE SHIPS ARE THE EX-LANING (LPR-55) LOCATED IN PHILADELPHIA, THE EX-BEGOR (LPR-127) AND EX-BALDUCK (LPR-132) LOCATED IN VALLEJO, CA.

2. THE LANING HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY STRIPPED AND WAS DUE FOR SCRAP SALE ON 30 SEPTEMBER 75. THE BEGOR AND BALDUCK
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WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING STRIPPED BUT ARE IN BETTER

CONDITION THAN THE LANING. THE BEGOR HAS BEEN DEMILITARIZED (GUN MOUNTS REMOVED). THE SHIPS ARE OFFERED AS IS-WHERE IS AT AN FMS SALES PRICE OF \$85 THOUSAND EACH. ACTIVATION

OVERHAUL FOR BEGOR AND BALDUCK IS ESTIMATED AT \$1.5 TO \$2.0 MILLION FOR EACH SHIP. THE LANING WAS NOT RECOMMENDED DUE TO THE ADVANCE STATE OF DISPOSAL PROCESSING. ALL THREE SHIPS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN A HOLD STATUS PENDING DECISION BY INDONESIAN NAVY. LANING BEING HELD AS POSSIBLE LOGISTIC SUPPORT VESSEL.

3. TWO LPRS WERE INCLUDED IN THE TENTATIVE REQUIREMENT LIST FOR FY 76 PROVIDED BY REF A. THE INDONESIAN NAVY REPRESENTATIVES INSPECTED BEGOR AND BALDUCK ON 21 SEPTEMBER 75. THE INDONESIANS SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE SHIPS AND CONSIDERED THEIR MATERIAL CONDITION GOOD. SINCE THE SHIPS ARE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF THE DISPOSAL SALE PROCESS THE INDONESIAN WERE INFORMED THAT A TENTATIVE PURCHASE DECISION WAS DESIRED BY 10 OCTOBER 75. KISSINGER

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